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1. A high ranking Soviet officer, rumored to be Marshal Ivan S. Konev, now occupies the former residence of General Ludvik Svoboda at Pod Kastany street, corner of V Tisinach, Prague 19. The house is under constant Soviet military guard. Svoboda now resides at a villa at Typhonova street, Prague 4.
2. The Ministry of National Defense has taken over three blocks of new centrally heated flats at Zelena street, Prague 19, probably for Soviet billets.
3. The Czechs apparently are laying out an airstrip, about 1,000 meters long, at Letna Park, Prague 7. Soil has been removed in this area, and bulldozers have been observed since 20 March 1952.
4. Four air raid shelters are under construction in the Letna tunnel which leads from Revolucny street to the area of Prague 7 and 19. The shelters are arched galleries running from the center of the tunnel, 21 at each side, at right angles to the main tunnel. Each gallery is 50 meters long, 15 meters wide, and up to 3.5 meters high. The tunnel roof is made of reinforced concrete two meters thick. Exits are on the Vltava river side only. There are two exits to each of two shelters on this side. One main exit leads to an inn in Pod Konicky, another is located behind the new Stalin monument on the Vltava.
5. The former Juliska brick works in the Bubeneč area, Prague 19, at the end of the streetcar lines, are being razed. The Ministry of National Defense will retain the brick kilns for air raid shelters, adding a reinforced concrete roof two meters thick, and will erect a 14-story building on the site. A 3000 kw. transformer is to provide power for this block.

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6. The former Traub leather plant, Prague 19, is now a storage depot for the Czechoslovak Air Force.
7. The former Kubin paper plant, Prague 19, now houses a research station for cellulose and nitro-cellulose.
8. A penicillin plant erected at Roztoky (051/L79) near Prague has started manufacturing penicillin but has been unable so far to produce streptomycin in quantities. The Government therefore confiscates all streptomycin received from abroad. Consignees were notified of shipments of this drug but never received them.

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